

# Requested PSC Decisions & WQGIT Recommendations

## Day 1 Requested PSC Decisions

1. Adoption of the **Phase 6 suite of modeling tools** for finalizing the draft Phase III planning targets and for management application in the Phase III WIPs and two-year milestones through 2025
  - All WQGIT members recommended adopting the Phase 6 suite of modeling tools with the exception of Delaware. [LP note: I have not heard that DE has changed their position, as they needed time to further dig into the manure transport fix]
2. Approval of the proposed **Bay's assimilative capacity**
  - Full WQGIT consensus on recommending the Bay's assimilative capacity as 195 million pounds of nitrogen and 13.7 million pounds of phosphorus.
3. Approval of the **process for the 4-month Partnership review** of the draft Phase III WIP planning targets, including how special cases are addressed
  - There is not full WQGIT consensus on approving the process, as NY is concerned about Partnership approval of special case requests (they feel it should be an EPA decision). There is new language in the document that reflect an option for EPA to make the final decision in the event the PSC cannot reach consensus on resolving any special cases requests.
4. Base Phase III WIP development on **2025 current zoning conditions**
  - Full WQGIT consensus on using 2025 zoning conditions for Phase III WIP development and implementation, including updating those future conditions every two years to coincide with the 2-year milestone process.

## Day 2 Requested PSC Decisions

5. Develop a Partnership implementation plan to address **Conowingo infill**
  - Full WQGIT consensus on recommended approach to address Conowingo infill as a separate load and for the Partnership to develop an implementation plan to address those loads. There is not full agreement on the 2025 timeframe to develop and implement the plan, and further information is needed on the financial impacts of "pooling resources."
6. Adopt a dual approach to factor **climate change** into the Phase III WIPs
  - Full WQGIT consensus on recommended approach to address climate change impacts in the Phase III WIPs. Further discussion and decisions are needed to identify timeframes to introduce new science and data, to revisit the decision as to whether to address climate change numerically in the WIPs/2-year milestones, and the year by which to reduce any loads as a result of those climate change impacts.
7. Approval of the **draft Phase III WIP planning targets** as a starting point of the 4-month Partnership review period
  - There is not full WQGIT consensus on the draft planning targets at this point. Discussions are ongoing between MD, DE, and VA about their changes in levels of effort, and NY and WV have raised

concerns about special case requests. (LP note: Teresa - Rich and I are currently working with MD, DE and VA to see if those issues would prevent signing off on the draft targets.)